# THE PULPIT.

AN ELOQUENT SUNDAY SERMON BY DR. NEHEMIAH BOYNTON.

**Subject: The Will and the Work.**

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Dr. Nehemiah Boynton, pastor of the Clinton Avenue Congregational Church, having returned from his Europeau trip, was in his pulpit Sunday. In the morning, greeted by a large audience, he preached on "The Will and the Work." The text was from John 4:24: "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me and to finish His work." Among other things, Dr Boynton said:

The very essence of a rational faith in Jesus is dependent upon His being permitted to make His own impression upon one's soul as a being who met and mastered life in normal relations.

If you permit your fancy to dress Him in the light fluffy and ethereal garments of an airy mysticism you add to your imagination but subtract from His reality. If you array Him in the blue and sometimes navy blue homespun of a provincial theology your philosophy aspiring to do the task of sculpture takes away from His birthright. He recedes from the heart and mind of the world! But if you allow Him to be an actual resident in the life of His time in the world to which He came; to work, to wonder, to minister, to suffer, to joy and to love, you restore Him to man. Again He lives in power, and by His very mastery of life's situations He claims to be the choicest among ten thousand.

The supreme divinity of Christ, His individual and unique relation to the Father are best apprehended by setting His life in ordinary and usual human relations, permitting it to tell its own story and make its own impression. Whether you compare Christ with the Samaritan woman or with the astonished disciples His own transcendent greatness is in distinct evidence.

Here is a travel-stained, weary and thirsty pilgrim sitting by a well; there a cosmopolitan carrier comes to fill his pitcher. Their interview shows at once that they are not upon the same level; they do not see life from the same angle. The traveler is evidently in fact possessing something for which the Samaritan woman has only faint longings—something very high, noble, soul satisfying.

The disciples who come as she leaves are not much above her level, so far as appreciating Christ is concerned. They wonder that He is willing to stoop to speak to such a person! They offer Him food. Hospitality in the only grace they can at present afford. "Master, eat!" How slight an appreciation they have of the really nutritive forces of life! "I have eaten. I have been refreshed," says Christ. "Can it be that anyone has offered Him lunch in our absence?" they inquire.

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Here is strong meat, indeed! Here is spiritual manna, indeed! The will and the work are to Him as large as the perpetual feast which alone will satisfy the highest spirit of mankind. A first great teaching of this incident is the personal nature of real religion.

One of the pathetic visions of heaven day is that of multitudes trying to find a place to trust their souls.

Religions which the world has outgrown are privately held to life again and are made the depositories of restless spirits. Now forms of religion have for many mighty attractions and for a time seem to satisfy the mind and sire. There must be some one thing about the faiths of human which gives it pre-eminence over all other forms of faith, however much of fragmentary trust they embrace. And that one thing is the personal relation of realization with God. "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me." This is the great Christian contribution to religion. God is the author of all spiritual life. To connect with His will is to take oneself with Him and satisfy the longings of one's deepest need. "I know Jesus Christ," said Bushnell, "better than I know any man in the city of Hartford, and if He should be shown down the street and pass me I should say, 'There goes a friend of Mine.'"

The joy, the assurance, the certainty of a Christian faith, rest themselves in the sense of personal relation between the soul and God, which affords the comfort, security and inspiration of life.

Jesus again is insistent in His teaching that a real will always expresses itself in work. "To finish His work." A personal relation with God expresses itself through a social application to ministry, to duty and to love, you restore Him to man. Again He lives in power, and by His very mastery of life's situations He claims to be the choicest among ten thousand.

He must help carry somebody else who would mount the shining pinnacles of the city of our God. The greatest work in the world is to get every one else in play—to establish goodwill among men.

There is the race question, for example. The men of different races to be treated in free America.

It is a question a question of the colored man alone, but of the Indian, the Japanese, the Chinese and the Jew. Indeed, it is no longer a mere American question. It is an international question, bound to become more and more important each and vital in coming days. What is the solution? Is it in institutions of philanthropy? In state and settlements? Is it in laws drastic and enforced? These can do something, but the real solution waits upon the will of the people, upon disposition and attitude. The deeper recognitions are in order. "A man's a man for a' that." The noble fellowships are due. The will of God is waiting for a larger expression over against passion, pride and prejudice! It Jesus could find in an ordinary Samaritan water carrier a soul worthy of His kindly disposition, His sympathy, His solicitude, then His followers are bound to find in every human being a spiritual relative and a spiritual need that call for the image of God a brother's regard and care.

Doing the will of God will always express itself in some form of social service.

You will solve social problems only by kneading into them the leaven of the Christian spirit, and there will be a rise in every moral scale as the will of Christ is by His disciples given adequate expression.

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Cheap method, superficial endeavor and questionable procedure are, to be sure, dazzling temptations. Apparently they take the kingdom of Heaven by violence and bring it in. Really they are sorry apologies for a true accomplishment, which is, first of all, in the implanting of a will, a disposition.

He that believeth shall not make haste! "The sower and the reaper shall rejoice together." The man who sows a spirit and the man who reaps a harvest are fellow workers in a common joy!

If Jesus is judged by the harvesting of His life, He has small tally! Two hundred souls, only, embraced His faith when He gave His life for the world. But if any true measurement attempts to estimate the realization of His life, and He is judged by the sowing of His life, then, indeed, does He appear as a master workman. He buried a spirit in the heart of the world which has been in the world ever since, with its ever recurring seedtime and harvest. He is known among men by the splendor of His will, which abides; rather than by the incidents of His work, which are glorious memories of the past.

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INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR DEC. 15, BY THE REV. I. W. HENDERSON.

**Subject: The Boy Samuel, I. Sam. 3:1-21—Golden Text, I. Sam. 3:9 —Memory Verses, 8-10.—Read I. Samuel 1-4.**

The prophet Samuel, says Rev. W. H. Hinkle, D. D., in his commentary on Samuel, like the the book which bears his name, comes in as a connecting link between the Judges and the Kings of Israel. He belonged to a transition period. It was appointed to him to plot the nation between two stages of its history: from a republic to a monarchy; from a condition of somewhat casual and indefinite arrangements to one of more systematic and orderly government. The great object of his life was to secure that this change should be made in the way most beneficial for the nation, and especially most beneficial for its spiritual interests. Care must be taken that white lowering like the nations in having a king, Israel shall not become like them in religion, but shall continue to stand out in bearty and unswerving allegiance to the law and covenant of their father's God.

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**WILLING WORKER.**

Tramp—"Please, ma'am, if you'll gimme sumthin' t' eat I'll shovel the snow off your walk."

Lady—"Why, there hasn't been any snow on the walk for some months."

Tramp—"Well, that ain't no fault o' mine, lady. Want you gimme a sandwich for bein' willin' t' shovel it off if they wuz any?"—Illustrated Bits.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE LESSONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13.

**The Straight Gate—(Luke 13: 23, 30.)**

Passages for reference: Isa. 55: 6-7; Matt. 5: 20; Phil. 3: 13, 14; 2 Tim. 2: 4; 1 John 2: 6.

It is simple but not easy to be a full-fledged Christian. Otherwise it would not appeal to the heroic in us. There is joy and satisfaction in winning a hardly contested prize. The very striving to live right and helpful brings out our best as a hard task develops all latent forces. The moral, moral, or physical loafer will never be a Christian. It demands as much grit and courage to be a real Christian to-day as it did formerly to go to the stake. Wealth and position are left at the tomb's door, but character furnishes capital for business in the next world. We will win the crown to-day. Tomorrow should see us after new conquests. There is no time for lazy doing. We must "watch as well as pray." There will be hand-holding partners. It will be mistaken that white lowering like the nations in having a king, Israel shall not become like them in religion, but shall continue to stand out in bearty and unswerving allegiance to the law and covenant of their father's God.

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## Household Matters.

**Some Apple Dainties.**

**Baked Apples.**—A baked apple is the most easily digested of any way of serving apples, but there are baked apples and baked apples.

For variety's sake try peeling them before baking. Peel and core the apples carefully, fill the hollows with sugar and any spice preferred, lay in an enameled baking pan, pouring just enough water to cover the bottom, then bake in a moderate oven until tender and delicately crisped on the surface. Sometimes a bit of butter is placed on top of each apple before putting in the oven. Meanwhile take the cores and peelings, cover with water and stew gently, add a little nutmeg, cinnamon or lemon, and pour over the apples, cool in the pan in which the apples are baked, then serve cold with cream.

Apples should never be baked in tin, which darkens both apples and juice.

**Fillings for Baked Apples.**—As a variety is the spice of life, even in baked apples, here are a few good fillings that will come in handy from time to time. Nuts are specially nice for baking, any kind may be used, but pecans, black walnuts, hickory nuts and hickory nuts are perhaps best. For a dozen large apples, a cup and a half of the meats will be required. Chop coarsely, a small bowlful just as the dessertspoonful for each apple. Fill the hollows in the apples in usual way. A half banana sprinkled with sugar and lemon juice makes a good filling for each apple. Figs and dates steamed, chopped and rolled in sugar, make delicious fillings for apples or orange peel, or honey and butter are all appropriate and usually approved.

**Baked Apples to Serve With Meat.**—Wash and core tart apples, then fill with equal parts raw onion and mushrooms. Season with catsup or fine herbs as preferred. Put a bit of butter on top of each and add a little water to the baking pan and bake until tender.

**Fried Apples.**—These are also excellent served with any form of pork. Select large, firm apples rather tart and wash without paring. Core, cut in slices half an inch thick, then brown in pork fat or butter, turning with a pancake turner so as not to break them. Apples should be but not broken. If preferred a trifle sweet, sprinkle with sugar and serve over the uncooked side just before turning. Fried apples are especially nice with fried pork or sausage.

**Apple Croquettes.**—Put over the fire in a saucepan one cup stale bread crumbs and a half cup milk. Cook, stirring constantly until smooth, then add one large apple chopped fine, and a dozen almonds, blanched and cut in slices, season with a tablespoonful sugar, a tablespoonful lemon juice and a grated rind of half a lemon. Cook until thickened, then turn out on a platter to cool. When cool form into croquettes; roll in fine crumbs and fry in deep fat. Serve with caramel sauce, maple syrup or powdered sugar.

Remember to add to guide his preparation, and trusts Him to guide his footsteps. Prayer is well done and what the cost will.

**English Apple Tart.**—Pare and core tart apples, put into a large saucepan, cover with boiling water, cook gently until the apples are tender, but unbroken. Line the edges of a deep pie tin with crust, then fill the tin nearly full of the cooked apples, dropping into the centre of each a piece of currant jelly preserve. Cover the top of the dish with strips of pastry arranged lattice fashion and bake in a quick oven. Serve hot.

**Baked Apple Patties.**—Take from bowls of bread, when ready to make into loaves, as much as would make one small "brick" loaf. Into it work one heaping cupful of sugar, one teaspoonful of sugar, using a spoonful or so of flour if the dough proves moist, but only as much as absolutely is necessary. Roll out on a floured board half half an inch thick and cut in circles with a large cup or cutter.

Pare, core and chop very fine apple sauce, which has been stewed with raisins—a half cupful to a pint—and put a heaping teaspoonful on each circle, fold over and pinch the edges firmly together. Place an inch apart on greased pans, set in a hot oven and when the dough begins to brown brush the top of each with a little beaten egg yolk and bake in a quick oven.—From the Washington Star.

**Household Hints.**

A zinc covered table is a great comfort in the kitchen.

Clean one room at a time is a good motto—it saves confusion and keeps "tidy" order.

In extinguishing a candle hold it well down and blow upward. No grease is then scattered.

Did it ever occur to you that your old-fashioned linen skirts could be cut up and made into dish towels?

When hanging sheets on the clothesline double them and pin to the line by the corners. This will prevent fraying.

Put a damp chimneys in a vessel of cold water and place on stove. Heat very slowly. This will temper the glass.

A piece of bread tied in a bit of muslin and suspended in the water where greens are boiling, will absorb the unpleasant odor.

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DECEMBER FIFTEENTH.

**Confident testimony for Christ. Luke 12; 11, 12; Acts 4: 13-33.**

Testimony through the Spirit. 1 Cor. 12: 1-3.

A test of saintship. 1 John 4: 1-6 Confession and salvation. Rom 10: 8-13.

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**BABY ITCHED TERRIBLY.**

Face and Neck Covered With Inflamed Sores—Doctors No Avail—Cured by Cuticura Remedies.

"My baby's face and neck were covered with itching skin similar to eczema, and he suffered terribly for over a year. I took her to a number of doctors, and also to different hospitals, but found no relief. Then Cuticura Remedies were recommended to me by Mrs. Lee, and after using one set as I had tried so many other remedies without any benefit, I bought a set. I tried Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment, and Cuticura Resolvent, and to my surprise noticed an improvement. After using these for a few weeks baby's face was clear, together with the Soap and Pills, I am pleased to say, and the picture of health. Mrs. A. C. Gaudet, 1 Bay St., Somerset St., Chicago, Ill., Oct. 20 and 30, 1900."

**A Fool In Company.**

Shortly after 2 o'clock on bitter winter morning a physician drove four miles in answer to a telephone call. On his arrival at the house he was informed that neither a midwife nor a "doctor, I ain't in any particular pain, but I'm nervous or other I've got a feeling that death is nigh."

The doctor felt the woman's pulse and listened to his heart. "Have you something to drink?" he asked hurriedly.

The man turned pale. "Why, no, Doctor. At my age—oh, Doc., it can't be that I'm going to be true' 'Who's your lawyer?'

"Judge Hollingshead."

"Then you had better send for him at once."

"So patient, white and trembling, went to the telephone.

"Who's Judge Hollingshead?" continued the Doctor.

"Hey, Hollingshead, Brown," mumbled the patient. "But, Doctor, do you think—"

"Send for him immediately. Your father, too, may have something to add," said the doctor.

"Say, Doctor, do you really think I have to die?" The man began to whimper like a child.

The doctor looked at him hard. "No, I don't," he replied. "I see nothing at all the matter with you. But I hate to be the only man you've made a fool of in the community this morning like this."—Tit-Bits.

The Alaska Packers' Association had thousands of salmon canned in Alaska up to 1906 over 551,000,000 young salmon.

**BOTH GAINED**

**Man and Wife Put on Right Food—Grape-Nuts.**

The notion that meat is necessary for real strength and the foundation of solid flesh is now no longer as prevalent as formerly.

Excessive meat eaters are usually sluggish in part of the digestive tract, they are not able to fully digest their food, and the undigested portion is changed into what is practically a kind of poison that acts upon the blood and nerves, thus getting all through the system.

"I was a heavy meat eater," writes an Ills man, "and for the past two years ago, was in very poor health. I suffered with a fever sore so that I only weighed 95 pounds.

"Then I heard about Grape-Nuts and decided to try it. My wife laughed at me at first but when I gained to 125 pounds and felt so fine, she thought she would eat Grape-Nuts too.

"Now she is fat and well and has gained 40 pounds. We never have indigestion and our youngsters are proper specimens of humanity. Grape-Nuts is the food for meat. A neighbor of ours, 68 years old, was troubled with indigestion for years, was a heavy meat eater, and now since he has been eating Grape-Nuts regularly, he says he is well and never have indigestion. I could name a lot of persons who have really been cured of indigestion by changing from a heavy meat diet to Grape-Nuts." "There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

**Clubwomen Start Crusade on Evils of Christmas Gifts and Customs.**

Chicago—A crusade against the evils of Christmas gifts with the "evil" of gift-giving eliminated—will be begun by the Chicago Woman's Club before the year is out, it was announced yesterday.

The Lane Cutoff, near Omaha, the construction of the line between Portland and Seattle, and the rebuilding of the Oregon Short Line between Los Angeles and San Francisco, are among the works affected. Orders for equipment have been placed with the Pullman company for projected, additional Pullman accommodations for the Mountain divisions and 1500 pressed steel cars are among the Union Pacific orders.

The centre of reviving activity is St. Louis, Mo., where the Terminal Railroad Association, at a $12,000,000 improvement project, is working indefinitely, according to a recent decision of the officers, but will now be resumed and completed in a speedy manner. The Illinois Terminal System is also continuing its construction work at St. Louis, involving an expenditure of $2,500,000.

A general revival of confidence seems to have commenced beyond question. The disappearing premium on currency is one striking fact to say, in materials by the improvement of the outlook. Another is the general view of the dispatches, that with a promise of conservative action by the new Congress, the country will promptly return to the prosperous condition in which it was prior to the late financial flurry.

In this connection it has been declared that negotiations of orders to factories by some jobbers and wholesalers of dry goods, particularly in New York City, have been approached on the presumption that the tariff negotiations, it said, were due to a desire to get lower prices. Orders to factories had been placed in this expectation, and cancelled when high. Then the jobbers saw a chance to beat their contracts by recalling orders and have factories agree to cancellation. This practice was stopped final by putting this advantage, have changed their minds and will accept goods at the prices promised.

The tone of the general situation, anyway, proves that there were not so many workmen on the strike as was reported. Nor was the number so many workmen on the greatest railway centre in the country, dismissed during October, as was given out by the labor leaders, who claimed 20,000 men. They employ, actually, but 14,000, and that figure includes the men who were laid off temporarily and 14,000, and that figure includes the men who were laid off temporarily and have since returned to work. Strange to say, while the roads were cutting down forces and reducing wages, the fact that the gross earnings last month were $1,000,000 more than in October, 1899, is the best evidence of the steady confidence that has been shown this week.

Though the two great trunk lines of the East—the New York Central and Pennsylvania—have laid off thousands of men, the Chicago situation makes it evident that these men must go back to work. Increased earnings of the roads entering Chicago, and the heavy traffic increases for the lines east from the lakes; for traffic is continuous, and the roads must keep equipment for the greatest rush.

The business men of all the smaller cities of the East surrounding the metropolis are optimistic over the situation, and declare that the worst is over. The labor leaders assert